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**SUBJECT:** Aviation Training - Career Development  
Okanagon/Wenatchee National Forests – Aviation Detail Program

**TO:** Unit Aviation Officers  
Forest Fire Management Officers  
District Fire Management Officers

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**DETAIL APPLICATION IS DUE BY January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

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**DATES:** May 2012 through September 2012

**LOCATION:** Okanagon/Wenatchee National Forests, East Wenatchee, Washington.  
Duty station is the Wenatchee Valley Rappel Base, located in East Wenatchee, WA.

**COSTS:** Base salary and per diem for employees will be negotiable between sending and receiving units. Full funding may be available for 2 to 3 employees. To maximize opportunities in the program please indicate whether the home unit will participate in cost sharing. The sending unit will cover reimbursable travel costs at the beginning and end of the detail. **Other Region and Cooperating Agency candidates are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.**

**PURPOSE:** The objective of the Aviation Detail Program is to expose each individual to the fundamental skills and insight of the complexities of Aviation Management and operations. This aviation program includes one Regional Initial Attack Rappel Helicopter, one National Type II Rappel Helicopter, one Forest Type 3 Helicopter, and 1 National Type 1 Helicopter. The goal of this program is to provide some of the prerequisite training and experience required to perform at the target positions of Helicopter Manager, Helibase Manager, Air Support Group Supervisor, Air Tactical Group Supervisor, and Air Operations Branch Director. Participants will receive formal class room instruction and hands on experience.

1. Academic program includes S-271 Helicopter Crewmember, S-270 Basic Air Operations, Interagency Helicopter Rappel Training (R6 Rappel Academy), Contract Administration as well as other fire and aviation courses.
2. Exposure to aviation management through involvement with Initial Attack and Large Fire Support Helicopters.
3. Home units will be provided with an evaluation of each participants performance following the completion of the detail period.

**DUTIES:** Each candidate will participate in wildland fire and aviation operations. Duties may include functioning as a helicopter rappeller/IC on initial attack of fires. Trainee assignments may include helispot manager, aircraft base radio operator, takeoff/landing coordinator, and deck coordinator. Travel can include 14 day commitments away from the home base during the detail period.

**HOUSING:** Government Housing is not available and per diem costs will be negotiated between sending and receiving units.

**PARTICIPANTS:** All candidates must be career, career-conditional or SCEP (Apprentice) employees with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or other resource protection agencies. The Wenatchee Valley Rappel Crew assignments require candidates to be fully qualified to safely and efficiently perform their work without undue risk to themselves or others. All candidates selected for the program will be required to meet and maintain agency physical requirements as measured by a Work Capacity Test and meet Medical Standards. Due to the fact that candidates will perform duties on Wildland fires a minimum IQCS rating of ICT5 is preferred but not required. The crew has an extensive physical training program and applicants should arrive for duty in excellent physical condition. If you have questions concerning the physical demands of this detail please give us a call. By submitting an application, applicants agree to commit themselves to the training program from approximately the first week of May through September 30, dependant on the length of the fire season.

**Candidates should give serious consideration to the required level of personal commitment and the overall duration of the detail before applying.**

#### **METHOD OF EVALUATION FOR SELECTION:**

Applicants will be selected by evaluating long term career goals, experience, performance, education and training as well as the sending units commitment to the applicants long term career goals in aviation management.

**TO APPLY:** Submit the following information. You may provide your application by mail or send by E-Mail by the closing date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

1. A resume or bio-sketch providing information on previous experience, education, training and fire and aviation experience.
2. Current copy of your IQCS printout.
3. Wenatchee Valley Detail Application Forms (Attached).
4. Applicant's supervisor must address the enclosed questionnaire.

All applicant personal information will remain confidential and will only be accessed by the evaluating committee.

**Mail to:**

Wenatchee Valley Rappel Base  
3796 Airport Way  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802  
Attention: Nick Gavin or Garrett Harasek  
E-Mail Address: [ngavin@fs.fed.us](mailto:ngavin@fs.fed.us), [gharasek@fs.fed.us](mailto:gharasek@fs.fed.us)

**DEADLINE:** *Applications need to be received by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.*

*Further information on this program can be obtained by contacting:*

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## **WENATCHEE VALLEY RAPPEL BASE DETAIL APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Grade Level:**                      **step:**

**Home Unit and Address:**

**Work Telephone #:**

**Home Telephone #:**

**E-mail Address:**

The following factors will be used to evaluate your potential in benefiting from the training program on the Detail. Applicants need to complete this questionnaire.

1. Skills, knowledge, or abilities you desire to attain from the detail?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe your long range career goals as related to Aviation and Fire Management.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Your skills, knowledge, or abilities you feel you would be able to bring to the program? .

**If this information isn't on your attached resume please complete the following.**

List of previous employers, duties performed, and position held.

List of references with contact information.

**WENATCHEE VALLEY RAPPEL BASE AVIATION DETAIL SUPERVISOR  
QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Applicant name:**

**Position Description Title and #:**

**Supervisor name:**

**Title:**

**Home Unit and Address:**

**Telephone #:**

**Electronic Address:**

The following questionnaire should be used to evaluate your applicants potential success in benefiting from the training program on the Detail Crew. Supervisors need to complete this questionnaire.

1. Applicants ability to successfully work independently and as a team member.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Your analysis of applicants potential to be successful in the program.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Your assessment of applicants physical conditioning and ability to be successful in the program.

Additional Comments:

**WENATCHEE VALLEY RAPPEL BASE DETAIL SUPERVISOR APPROVAL FORM**

**MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR THE WENATCHEE VALLEY RAPPEL  
BASE DETAIL**

**Supervisor name:**

**Budget & Finance contact:**

**Telephone #:**

**Electronic Address:**

**I approve the participation of:**

(Name of Applicant)

**for the Wenatchee Valley Rappel Base Detailer Program.**

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Supervisor Signature

Date